

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Structural Pest Control Commission

Continuing Education for Registered Technicians
(LAC 7:XXV.113)

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B), and under the authority of R.S. 3:3370(K), the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry and Louisiana Structural Pest Control Commission declare an emergency to exist and hereby adopt by emergency process the attached regulation to supersede the current permanent regulations found at LAC 7:XXV.113. The implementation of these regulations by the emergency process is necessary to protect the public health and safety of employees of structural pest control businesses and related businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The implementation of this Emergency Rule removes the requirement of participation in continuing education programs by currently employed and registered technicians of permitted place of business to maintain registration status for the remainder of 2020 and extends registration card expiration dates by a year (12/31/2020 to 12/31/2021). This rule does not prohibit participation and the SPCC encourages all employees of structural pest control companies to continue their education by participating in programs that offer protection for their health and safety during the pandemic and improves their knowledge of structural pests and pest control strategies.

This Emergency Rule shall become effective upon signature, and shall remain in effect for 120 days, unless renewed or until the permanent rules and regulations become effective.

Title 7

AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS

Part XXV. Structural Pest Control

Chapter 1. Structural Pest Control Commission

§113. Registration of Employees; Duties of Licensee and Registered Employee with Respect to Registration

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P. Each registered technician shall participate in an entire continuing education program as a condition of maintaining his or her status as a registered technician at least once annually (January 1 to December 31). Any registered technician currently employed by a permitted Place of Business with a registration card expiration date of 12/31/2020 will not be required to participate in a continuing education program for the year of 2020 as a condition of maintaining his or her status as a registered technician and his or her registration card expiration date will be extended to 12/31/2021.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3366, 3368 and 3369.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 11:327 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 15:956 (November 1989), LR 32:797 (May 2006), repromulgated LR 32:1016 (June 2006), amended LR 35:207 (February 2009), LR 37:279 (January 2011),

amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 39:301 (February 2013), LR 42:213 (February 2016); LR 44:1236 (July 2018), LR 46:

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